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WITH DECISION THRESHOLD ADJUSTMENT BASED
ON A TOTAL PERCENTAGE ERROR INDICATOR
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Sir:

Under the provisions of MPEP § 2001.06(b), the Examiner is hereby
advised of the following co-pending U.S. Application(s):

<u>Appl. No.</u>	<u>Filing Date</u>	<u>Group</u>
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The subject matter contained in the above-listed co-pending U.S.
application(s) may be deemed to relate to the present application, and
thus may be material to the prosecution of this instant application.

Copies of cited U.S. patent application(s) (specification,
claims, and the drawings) or copies of the portion of the application

which caused it to be cited, including any claims directed to that portion are attached hereto.

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